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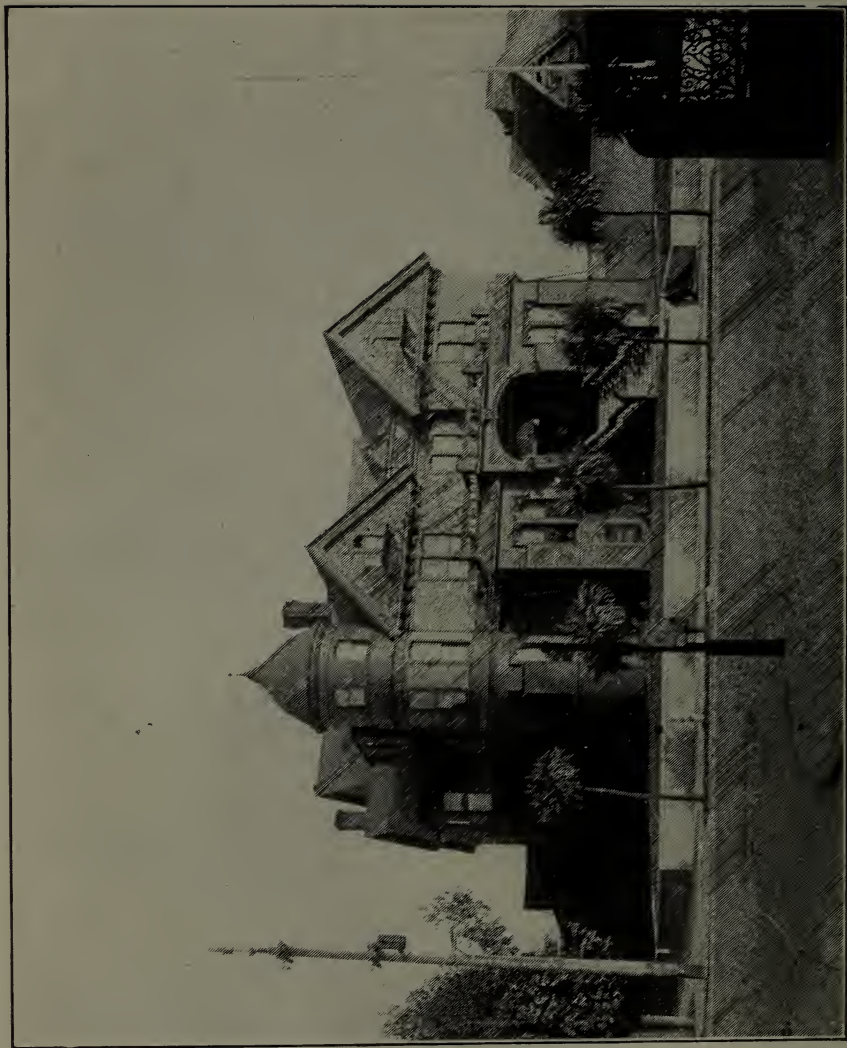


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HOME OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS AID SOCIETY

Thirty-Fourth Annual Report

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Boys and Girls Aid Society

San Francisco, California

June 30, 1908

Home: 460 Baker Street, Corner Grove

San Francisco, Cal.

"It is wiser and less expensive to save children than to punish criminals."

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The Society rescues homeless, neglected, or abused children of California; receives, by legal commitment or otherwise, boys from the Juvenile Courts of this and other counties; provides for such until suitable homes or employment and oversight are found for them, and continues a systematic attention to their condition and treatment.

It maintains a Free Employment Bureau for Boys; a Graded School; Classes in Singing; Reading Rooms and Library; The Chas. R. Bishop Annex, a home for working boys; and a Summer Camp at Sebastopol, Sonoma County, for working parties.

The Society is supported by voluntary contributions—*and both organization and work are absolutely non-sectarian.*

Boys may be had for service at wages; for indenture, or for legal adoption, by applying as indicated on page 39 of this Report.

We are always in need of clothing for boys from three to eighteen years of age; of books and magazines and supplies of all kinds.

Address all communications

BOYS AND GIRLS AID SOCIETY,
460 Baker St., cor. Grove,
San Francisco, California.

BOYS AND GIRLS AID SOCIETY.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., July 21, 1908.

The Members and Friends of the Boys and Girls Aid Society:

The passing of another year brings us to the thirty-fourth anniversary of the inauguration of the work of our Society. The year just closed is notable, not only for the expansion of our work, but for a degree of excellence equal to the best we have ever attained in the past.

Six years ago we abandoned the policy of sending boys out to the public schools. This was done for several reasons, but, primarily, because, having failed in the public schools when living in their own homes, it was too much to expect them to succeed when coming from an institution. At the time this change was made another teacher was engaged, but with the growth of numbers, the school-rooms again became overcrowded. The completion of the Chas. R. Bishop Annex, with its three large, sunny, well-ventilated school-rooms, equipped with new school furniture and ample blackboard space, has enabled us to relieve the congestion and give the individual attention and instruction which backward boys need so much, the lack of which in the public schools was in many cases the cause of their loss of interest and

eventually led to their truancy. The employment of a third teacher was made absolutely necessary by this change, and though the condition of our treasury hardly warranted the increase in our payroll, we undertook the expense trusting that the money would be forthcoming; and, thus far, we have not had occasion to regret the step. In addition to the regular school work, all boys who are capable of receiving it are being given manual training in our Sloyd Room. Not only carpentry is taught, but chair-caning and many useful articles of furniture are made and repaired for use in the Home.

Military discipline is not only necessary in managing a large company of boys, but is one of the finest ways of teaching many valuable lessons. This feature has not been neglected, but, on the contrary, the best traditions of the "Aid" have been maintained, and whenever our boys have appeared in public they have elicited warmest praise and commendation. Especially was this the case during the fleet celebration, on which occasion the boys were taken out several times dressed in their handsome new khaki uniforms. A lively interest was awakened among the boys by the visit of the battleship fleet—an interest which we hope will result in some enlistments when the boys are able to pass the rather exacting examination.

The annual summer outing of the Society has gradually grown in size and effectiveness. The last one was enjoyed by one hundred and fifty boys, among whom was divided about \$2,500. The money earned is, however,

only one of the many benefits of these expeditions, which are a splendid training for the boys and develop the best and noblest qualities in them. The capacity for well-directed and sustained effort is strengthened and increased. Usually the health of our wards is good, and they are better physically for the summer vacation, but the last summer was exceptionally cold and unsuited for camping, and resulted in a number of cases of tonsilitis and measles.

We are greatly indebted to Dr. Herman F. Wilson for his attentions and frequent visits to the Home during the winter months. Dr. Wilson is now regularly attending the boys whenever his services are needed, taking the place of Dr. Lewis Carpenter, who gave us his services for several years prior to his removal to Southern California, where he died during the fall of 1907. We are grateful to Dr. Carpenter for his years of faithful service and to Dr. Wilson, his successor, for what he is now doing. More and more is it being recognized that enlarged tonsils and adenoid growths are responsible for much juvenile delinquency, for modern hygiene has shown that debility and immorality are very closely associated. In order to fit a boy for obtaining the best results from his studies and the special training he is to receive, we have made an arrangement whereby each boy is examined immediately upon his admission for ear, nose, or throat trouble of any kind, and if any diseased condition is found, treatment is commenced by Dr. Cullen F. Welty, who has very kindly offered his services gratu-

itously. When an operation is necessary, the boy is taken to a hospital, where he can be operated upon under the most favorable conditions. When all physical defects are remedied as far as possible, the boy is in condition to be benefited to the utmost physically, mentally, and morally.

Much good work has been accomplished through the Children's Agency, of which we are a contributing member. Boys have been placed in homes in the country after a careful investigation of the homes by a Visiting Agent, and after being placed are visited regularly and frequently.

The demand, however, for boys is very limited, and does not begin to equal the supply of boys needing homes. In order to provide for some of these boys for whom we had done a great deal, an addition to our main building was erected in the autumn of 1907, which, in addition to the three beautiful school-rooms on the first floor, is on the upper floors a well-planned home containing twenty-five individual rooms for boys, each about eight by twelve feet, sitting-room, library, dining-room, kitchen, store-rooms, lavatories, and toilet-rooms. The boys' rooms are comfortably furnished, lighted by electricity and easily ventilated. The rooms for general use are suitably furnished and every need is provided for. When boys have completed a certain amount of school work and attained a reasonable degree of excellence in conduct they are promoted to this department and given employment. An employment bureau is conducted by one of our employes,

and there is quite a demand for our boys, because, being under discipline, they give better satisfaction than boys generally do. Thus we have had an average of about eighteen boys at work in various business positions or learning trades in manufacturing establishments, under conditions as nearly normal as it is possible to make them. When the majority of boys in industrial schools or correctional institutions are learning their trades in shops which cannot be fully equipped with the latest machinery and tools because of the great cost of such equipment, our boys are acquiring their knowledge of trades in the large establishments of a city, which is very rapidly becoming a manufacturing center. When the boys in such schools are working under the closest discipline and surrounded by all the props which a good institution affords, ours are working side by side with journeymen mechanics without any supervision other than that of the foreman or superintendent, and knowing full well that failure to come up to the required standard will mean the loss of their position and their return to the school-room. Boys from institutions almost inevitably, on being dismissed, drift back to the cities or towns from which they came, and, being without the props and restraining influences of the institution, frequently fall into the old bad habits; whereas the boy living and growing up in the city and amid its evils, if he can be kept from evil influences during his leisure hours, stands a far better chance of turning out well.

Such, in brief, is the purpose of, and the work being done in the Chas. R. Bishop Annex, which has been named in honor of the generous man who has remembered the Society so liberally and frequently. We had hoped to have many rooms furnished by friends of the Society, but the financial stringency came upon us just at the time it was completed, and thus far only two rooms have been donated, one by a member of the Board, the other by Mrs. Laura E. Barlow, the remainder being furnished from the funds of the Society. While it is our desire and the intention to make this department as nearly self-supporting as possible, it is always necessary to board some boys at less than cost owing to their starting at small wages. As their wages increase their weekly payments for board and room are proportionately increased.

The cost of building and furnishing the Annex has swelled our expenditures for the year to the large sum of \$48,944.00, an amount largely in excess of any previous year's expenditure in the history of the Society, but we believe that when the value of the increased work we are doing becomes known, our friends will come to our assistance and share in paying for the first building erected in San Francisco, expressly as a home for working boys.

To the members of the Board of Trustees, the members of the Executive Committee, and especially to our Treasurer, Mr. Dudley C. Bates, upon whom has fallen so large a share of labor and responsibility, our thanks are due; also to Mr. Herbert W. Lewis, who, during the

winter, resumed charge of the Home for three months and a half, when the superintendent was taking a much-needed rest. The highest praise is due to Mr. George C. Turner, the able superintendent of the Home, for the conscientious and faithful manner in which he has performed the arduous duties devolving upon him as the executive officer of the Society. The highest encomium of his excellent influence over the wards of the Society, and their affection for him, is the simple statement that of the many thousands of permits for leave of absence granted to the boys in the Home during the past year most every one has been honorably observed.

I desire to gratefully acknowledge to my fellow-members of the Board of Trustees my appreciation for their hearty co-operation in the work and mission of the Society in which we all have so deep an interest.

Respectfully, .

GEORGE C. PERKINS,
President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL, June 30, 1908.

The Members and Trustees of the Boys and Girls Aid Society.

GENTLEMEN: Another year has passed since your last annual meeting, a year that has been a very busy one at the Home, as the appended statistics will show. We commenced the year with one hundred and forty three boys enrolled, and close it with one hundred and thirty-nine in the school or custodial department and sixteen working boarders in the Chas. R. Bishop Annex—a total of one hundred and fifty-five. A larger number have been received by legal commitment and a smaller number direct from parents or relatives than during last year, as we are making an effort to secure proper authority over a boy before receiving him, in order that we may be in a position to do the best for him. We have learned by experience that the best results cannot be obtained when a boy may be taken from us at the pleasure of his parents or his own whim.

The expenditures for maintenance only have been \$29,946.54, exclusive of camp earnings paid the boys and the expense of building and furnishing the Annex and added to the investments of the Society, which bring

the total expenditures up to \$49,858.32. The per capita cost is a trifle heavier than last year, owing to the increased expense in our school work and the somewhat better dietary provided for the boys in the Annex.

Our income was somewhat heavier than last year, the increase being in subscriptions and donations, \$538; in legacies, \$7,193.68, and board of children, \$957.07. The amount received from counties was \$708.78 less than last year, though we have cared for a larger number of committed boys. This is due to an act of the last Legislature fixing the amount to be paid by counties for the care of children committed to institutions at \$11 per month. In the case of this institution, this law works a hardship, as the per capita cost per month for each child in our care was last year \$18.27, which means that the difference, \$7.27 per month, must be made up from subscriptions and legacies.

The large investment in the Chas. R. Bishop Annex has reduced our cash balance to \$8,268.31, in spite of the fact that \$7,000 was realized from the sale of the Belmont property, given to the Society by Mr. Bishop; which property was sold with Mr. Bishop's sanction, because of its unsuitability for our use, owing to lack of water.

To maintain the Home at its present high standard of efficiency means an average monthly expense of \$2,500, to provide for which we have an income from all sources of only about \$1,600, leaving \$900 per month to be provided by friends, living or dead. While we

appreciate to the utmost the legacies, many of them generous ones left by deceased friends, we cannot but wish that a large monthly subscription list may be secured to meet this monthly deficit of \$900.

This Society is to-day doing a grand work for the neglected, abused, and wayward boys of San Francisco—an account of which will be given in the pages of this report. We ask that you read it, and trust that if already a subscriber you will feel impelled to double your subscription, and if not already on our roll of honor you may seek a place thereon.

The Boys and Girls Aid Society has always stood for better methods of caring for the unfortunate children arrested in our city and was a prime mover in the organization of the Juvenile Court of San Francisco. Our relations with the Court and with the Probation Office are as close and cordial as ever, aiming as we do to be of the greatest possible service to the Court in its effort to make good citizens out of the boys who come under its protecting care. The building erected for the work of the Juvenile Court just after the fire is becoming cramped, and will soon be inadequate for the purpose and must soon be superseded by a larger and permanent building. The retirement of the Probation Officer, Mr. A. J. Todd, was regretted by all who know him, but his place is being well filled by Mr. J. C. Astredo, whose long experience with boys has made him especially fitted for the work. We were very glad to be able to furnish a good deputy in Mr. J. W. Strawn, though sorry to



ON THE DAY OF THE PARADE

lose him from our own work. But San Francisco is not alone in committing boys to our care, Alameda County having for some years sent boys to us. We have been glad to co-operate with Mr. Christopher Ruess, the Chief Probation Officer of that county, in his efforts for the boys of the cities across the bay. We have had several visits from members of the Probation Committee of Alameda County and are grateful for their words of appreciation of our efforts. It is a matter of regret that the salaries of the probation officers and their deputies are still dependent upon popular subscription.

CHILDREN'S AGENCY.

The work of placing homeless boys in approved homes in the country is still done through the Children's Agency, towards whose expenses the sum of \$500 per annum is subscribed by us. During the year just closed thirty-one boys were so placed, and but eleven were recalled or returned, leaving twenty boys we hope permanently placed. Visits are made at frequent intervals, usually three times a year, to see that the children are being properly cared for and sent to school. If it is found that the family is not living up to its agreement, the boy is brought back. More homes are very much needed by a large number of boys, especially boys under ten years of age. With all our efforts, however, there is a large number who cannot be secured homes or who will not be induced to stay in the country. In order to do something further for these boys, we last year erected the

CHARLES R. BISHOP ANNEX,

a well-built three-story building containing on the first floor three large, airy and sunny school-rooms, equal to any in San Francisco, and on the upper floors a boarding home for working boys. This consists of a cheerful sitting-room, comfortably furnished, with a piano for the boys to use and a fire-place to gather around on winter evenings; a cozy library, where those who are fond of reading may find a book or a magazine; a large family dining-room, where the boys sit at the same tables with their manager and his wife and partake of the same food, and a kitchen, where this food is prepared. A mending-room, where the boys' clothing is repaired and kept in order, and a store-room for supplies are a necessary part of this department.

Twenty-five individual rooms, each about eight by twelve feet and containing a closet for clothes, will accommodate an equal number of boys, for each boy has his own room and is held responsible for it, at the same time being given entire freedom in arranging and decorating it. These rooms are tastefully furnished with iron bed, good mattress and bedding, dresser, table, and chair, and are lighted by electricity. Boys who have attained a certain degree of excellence in their school work and improvement in general conduct are promoted to the Annex as positions are found for them and given an opportunity to make men of themselves. Each pays a just proportion of his weekly wages for his board and room, an amount which allows him enough to dress on and an opportunity to save a little. The first group of

seven boys went into the Annex on December 9th last, with Mr. Joseph A. Blackford and his wife as manager and matron respectively, and we have had as high as twenty-three boys at one time. The success of this latest departure of the Society in its work for boys is assured. Anyone who spends an evening with the boys cannot but be impressed with the real value of this home and the great good that is being accomplished. The boys rise in the morning with the ringing of the rising bell, dress in their rooms, go to the general washroom, where shoes are shined and faces and hands washed, each boy having his tooth-brush and powder, hair-brush and comb, and individual towel. When dressed they gather in the sitting-room till the breakfast bell rings, when they take their places in the dining-room. After breakfast they go out to their various positions, some going in the cars, others walking. Each one takes his lunch-money and lunches near his work. When the day is over each comes in as if in his own home and prepares for dinner. Books and games occupy the interim till the bell rings for the night class, conducted by Mr. Strawn, where special attention is paid to the essentials of a business education, commercial arithmetic, spelling, writing, and reading.

One evening a week is given to recreation and the privilege of going out, another for bathing, and on Sunday evening all attend service either at the Home or in a nearby church. As great a degree of freedom as possible is accorded the boys, and only those rules and regulations necessary for the good of all are established. When a

boy becomes settled in habits of industry and able to support himself he is dismissed and allowed to seek a home for himself.

While the cost of building the Annex was larger than we expected, and owing to the financial depression of last year, fell almost entirely upon the Board, the fact that it is so nearly self-supporting and so great a success in operation is very gratifying to all interested. By its means we are enabled to complete and carry to a successful fruition the work for some boys, who, but for it would have necessarily to be turned adrift in the world before they had acquired a trade or means of support or were able to look out for themselves. The letters from Mr. Bruce Porter and Mr. Charles R. Bishop, found in another part of this report, are very gratifying testimonials of approval. Up to this time only two of the rooms have been furnished by subscription, one by Senator Perkins, the generous President of the Board of Trustees, who gave us a subscription of five hundred dollars, and the second by Mrs. Laura E. Barlow, on whose ranch in Sonoma County we camp each summer. The cost of furnishing a room is about thirty-five dollars, and it is hoped that many friends will come forward and assume the expense of at least one room in this the first building in San Francisco erected expressly as a home for working boys.

ON BOARD TO VISIT THE FLEET





BERRY PICKING.

Our annual summer camping and berry-picking expedition commenced on June 4th and was participated in by one hundred and fifty boys, who earned during the three months and a half that we were in camp over \$4,100.00. Over one hundred and seventy tons of fruit were picked by the boys, the total for blackberries alone being 60,000 trays. All of this work was done under the supervision of four instructors employed by the Society and was done willingly and eagerly by the boys, who were ambitious to see how much they could make. Their work is of such a high order of excellence that they have a splendid reputation throughout the country surrounding the Barlow ranch and their services are sought far and wide. But work does not occupy all of our time, and Saturdays and frequent afternoons are given over to recreation, making a real vacation of the camping season. Baseball suits for two nines are provided as well as balls, bats, mits, and all necessary equipment, and frequent match games are played by the several nines, with one of our officers or a visiting friend as umpire. Tennis, basket-ball, and quoits are also enjoyed by many; frequent trips to the swimming-pool afford the boys great pleasure and an opportunity to learn to swim, a valuable accomplishment for every boy. Sunday is the day for letter-writing, keeping the parents informed of their children's condition and making the boys more contented and happy. The evening is devoted to the usual service, which is attended and enjoyed by many of our neighbors.

We are indebted to Rev. Mr. Rogers, who has very kindly addressed the boys at these services and given them practical and very helpful talks.

On the Fourth of July a program of athletic events and contests was carried out very successfully and was greatly enjoyed by many visitors. An abundance of lemonade was served during the day, and in the evening prizes of bananas, candy, cake, and pastry were distributed among the winners and ice-cream served to all. A patriotic service with an address by our Vice-President, Mr. Charles A. Murdock, was enjoyed by all and preceded the display of fireworks, which was especially fine for the small sum of money spent. The day closed with a rousing campfire.

Before the end of the camp we were all saddened by the death of little Lester Fay, who succumbed to diphtheria. The season which opened so brightly and with such good weather, was marred by very cold, damp weather, unsuited for camping, and was attended by considerable sickness, especially tonsilitis and measles. We felt under obligation to fulfill our contract to pick the berries and stayed through the season, though the pleasure of camping was gone after Lester's death. His little body was reverently laid away in the Sebastopol cemetery, with military honors as far as was in our power, and his grave covered with beautiful flowers, the gift of boys and officers. A neat headstone was later erected by the boys to mark the resting-place of their little companion.

BOYS' EARNINGS.

On our return from camp the accounts, which had been carefully kept, were balanced up and each boy credited with his exact earnings and charged with his share of camp expenses at the rate of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents per day. Then came the task of paying the boys and directing them in the wise and proper use of their money. As a preliminary step Dr. Markwitz, our dentist, examined the boys' teeth and gave each boy an estimate of the cost of putting them in good shape and advised them to make that their first investment. Many did so, amounting to \$200.00 in all. About fifty boys subscribed for standard magazines, including some technical periodicals. A large number were taken in groups of ten or twelve to two of our leading clothing stores and permitted to invest in good outfits of clothing. Nothing showy was allowed, but they were advised to purchase neat, serviceable suits, hats, shoes, linen, and neckwear. In the aggregate about \$800.00 was spent for clothing. Quite a number put sums of money in the savings bank, many of them adding to accounts which had been opened the year before, and a good number turned part of their earnings over to mothers who were sorely in need of the assistance.

SCHOOL.

On the 16th of September, four days after our return from camp, the school work was resumed, and a few weeks later the classes were transferred to the beautiful school-rooms in the Charles R. Bishop Annex. Mrs.

Walter Westington was engaged to take the intermediate grade, made possible by the third school-room, and our school work immediately took an upward step. Thorough, careful individual work is now done by our teachers, and really noticeable progress was made by the boys, who responded to the new environment created by large, sunny rooms, well furnished with new and elegant desks. The first term closed with the holidays, when a week's vacation was allowed, and the second term concluded on June 4th. In addition to the three grades during the day, we now have the night class for the working boarders, already referred to.

MANUAL TRAINING.

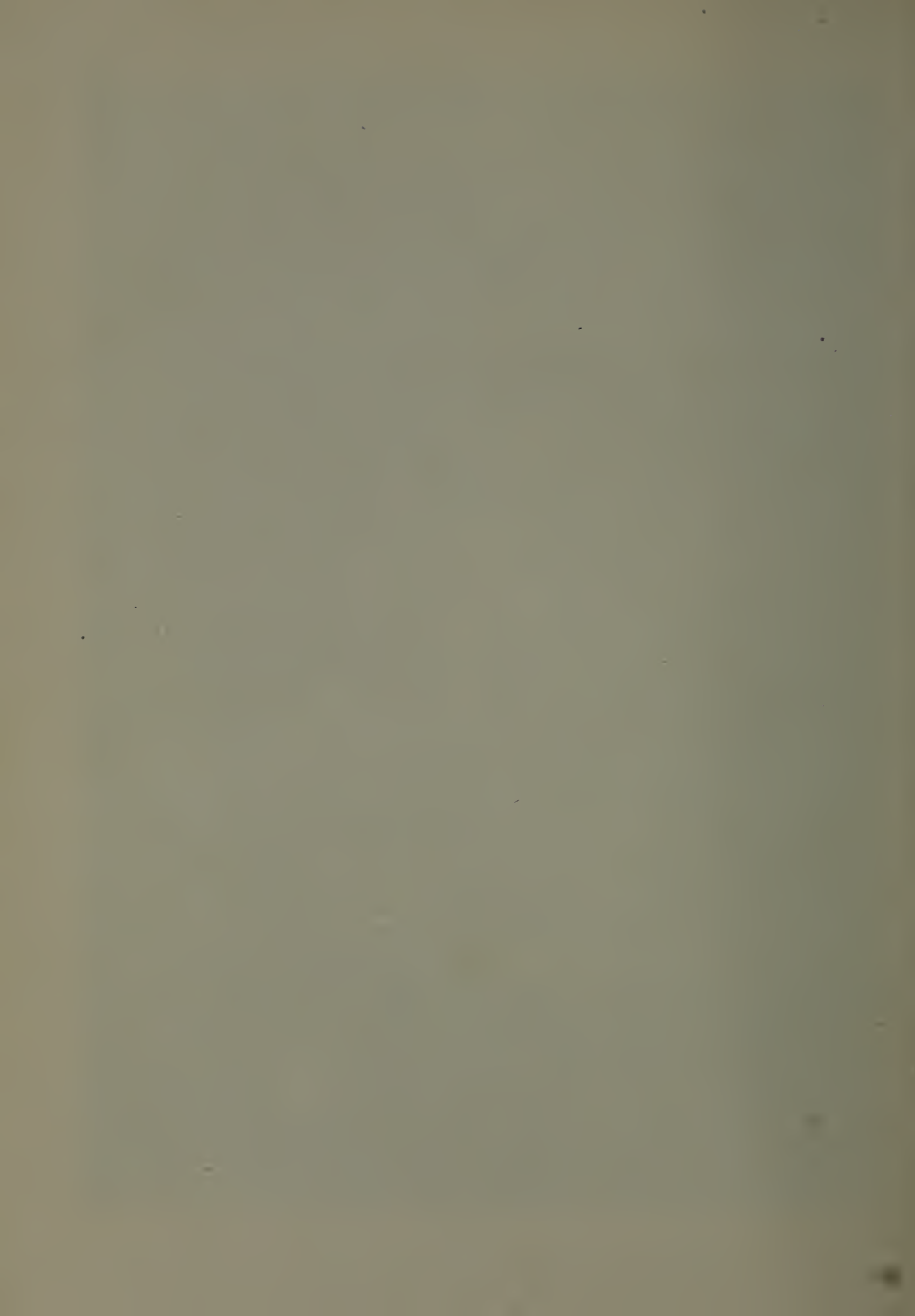
Four classes of sixteen boys each have received instruction in the use of carpenter's tools from Mr. F. J. Kamp-hoefner, our manual training instructor, who has brought the classes to a high degree of efficiency. I need hardly speak of the value of this Sloyd work, which is now so generally appreciated. Our system of presenting the boys with all of the models they make results in creating a real interest in turning out the best possible work. In addition to the regular course in woodwork the boys have caned chairs and done considerable repair work, renovating furniture, etc.

MILITARY DRILL.

The place of military training in a boys' school is generally recognized. It serves to inculcate habits of



DRESS PARADE AT CAMP



prompt obedience and quick response to commands, and improves a boy's carriage and bearing. Under the instruction of Mr. J. A. Welch, our military instructor, the boys have been drilled daily, and daily put through the setting-up exercises of the United States Army. He has paid special attention to keeping up the drum corps and teaching the bugle calls which we use so largely at camp, where practically every movement is made in obedience to bugle call. We have secured khaki uniforms for all of the boys and greatly improved their appearance. What we need to complete their outfit is wooden guns.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Early in the fall we commenced a series of weekly entertainments, most of which were talks illustrated with stereopticon slides, of which we have a large collection, to which we are constantly adding.

One delightful evening was given by the members of the Beringer Musical Club, assisted by Professor Beringer.

Christmas and Thanksgiving Day were duly observed, the latter with a bountiful dinner of turkey, mince pie, and cranberries. The Christmas cantata, entitled "A Jolly Christmas," was well rendered under the direction of Mr. Westington and his daughter, Miss Frances Westington. Each boy was presented with a gift, either a book or a toy or game, and candy, nuts, raisins, and fruit.

The birthdays of Washington and Lincoln were observed with an appropriate program, in which the stereopticon played an important part. Longfellow day was also appropriately observed.

One evening each week has been spent in singing popular songs, and Sunday evening has been set apart for the customary service, at which a helpful and practical talk is given to the boys, either by the Superintendent or some visiting friend. The enlarged service or assembly room, made possible by the erection of the Annex, has given us ample room for the larger numbers as well as for visitors, and is a very decided addition to the Home. This room is occupied by the boys every night during the winter months. When there is no program the boys spend the evening with books, magazines, and games, which afford many delightful evenings.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

The policy of granting boys a leave of absence on Sundays, which has been in vogue for many years, has been continued, 2,379 leaves of absence being granted during a period of nine months, and of this number only eleven failed to return, or less than one half of one per cent of the entire number. As a means of discipline, and of developing the sense of honor and responsibility, this Sunday out of the Home is unequaled.

HEALTH.

In addition to the systematic attention to the teeth of our wards, including the use of toothbrushes and powder, each boy is examined on his admission for ear, nose, and throat troubles, and boys whose sight is defective are taken to the eye clinic of Cooper College for examination and treatment. When glasses are required, they are paid for by the boy from his camp earnings. The reports of our physician, Dr. Hermon F. Wilson, and of Dr. Cullen F. Welty, specialist, are appended and will give detailed information.

FLEET CELEBRATION.

During the visit of the battleship fleet our wards were taken out on five different occasions,—on the arrival of the fleet, which we observed from the Presidio hills; on the day of the parade, when we had seats on the stand erected by the Children's Agency on Van Ness Avenue; one evening to see the illuminations and the play of the search lights; a trip on a launch to the fleet and a visit and inspection of the battleship "Minnesota"; and, finally, a day at the Stadium, where we were guests of the California Club, through the courtesy of Mrs. Laura Bride Powers, chairman of the committee. Dressed in their new khaki uniforms, our boys everywhere received warm praise for their good military bearing, correct marching, and their general fine showing. All we needed to complete our outfit was the handsome blue silk flag, bearing the seal of the State

of California and the inscription, in letters of gold, "Boys and Girls Aid Society, San Francisco, Cal.," which has since been presented to us by the President of the Board of Trustees, Hon. Geo. C. Perkins.

The superintendent of an institution can make a success of his work only as he receives loyal service and support from those who are associated with him in carrying on its affairs and directing its various activities. More and more am I compelled to delegate to others the working-out of details, merely outlining a general policy or plan, and it is not only my duty but a pleasure to publicly acknowledge my indebtedness to my co-workers for faithful, persistent, painstaking effort, continued day after day and month after month, during the past year.

To the members of the Board of Trustees my sincerest thanks are due for the consideration, unfailing courtesy, and ever-ready sympathy they have invariably shown me in all my plans. Especially am I grateful to my friend Mr. Herbert W. Lewis for so kindly relieving me, at a time of need, of all care and responsibility in the management of the institution for a period of over three months, during which time he attended to the furnishing of the Annex and inaugurated its activities. By the rest and opportunity to recuperate thus afforded me I am again in health and physically equal to my duties and responsibilities.

To the friends who have contributed of their goods and money, whose names are given in the appended lists,

our thanks are due, and, above all, to Him whose work we are striving to do in rescuing the boys from evil and starting their feet in the paths of righteousness, our grateful praise is given.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. TURNER,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN.

MONADNOCK BUILDING,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., July 14, 1908.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees,

Boys and Girls Aid Society, San Francisco, Cal.

GENTLEMEN: The Home at the corner of Grove and Baker streets is in an excellent sanitary condition. Probably I ought to make an exception of the yard, which, however, I find myself unable to condemn. Yet I have a feeling that a great deal of our trouble comes from that source.

During the time I have been attending the wards of the Society I have been much pleased to see how readily my patients have responded to treatment, which shows the good condition in which they are regularly kept.

I have treated a number of boys for follicular tonsillitis. This seems to be the condition that troubles us most, and, as it is usually caused by exposure to cold,

we ought to be able to eliminate it. We have had a few cases of articular rheumatism; a case or two of boils; quite a few cases of measles, with but one case of pneumonia following; one case of scarlet fever; one of appendicitis, which was operated and the boy made a good recovery.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMON F. WILSON, M. D.

REPORT OF SPECIALIST.

*To the Honorable Board of Trustees of the
Boys and Girls Aid Society of San Francisco:*

During the last year, all the boys have been carefully examined regarding their hearing. It was found that but twenty-five per cent had *normal* hearing. This diminution in hearing was largely dependent upon diseased tonsils and adenoids. Eight cases had chronic mastoiditis, with a discharge of pus from the ear varying from three to ten years.

Because of the closure of the City and County Hospital only a few of these cases were operated. In some instances the operations were so urgent that the Aid Society bore the hospital expense. Some fifteen or twenty boys were operated for tonsils and adenoids and were very much improved.

Of the eight boys that had a chronic discharge of pus from the ear six were operated, all cured, and hearing improved. The hearing improved in the operated ears.

Two cases of acute mastoiditis were operated and cured.

Much credit and thanks are due Dr. M. Marshall for the valuable assistance she has given to the institution as well as to myself.

The suggestions that I might make on behalf of the institution would mean the expenditure of probably \$1,000 and the employing of a graduate nurse. In other words, a miniature hospital of six or eight beds, with a small operating-room, with an additional room for contagious diseases. This may not be absolutely necessary, but it would make the whole institution more up to date, and would be an actual benefit, not only to the comfort and welfare of the boys, but to the management of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

CULLEN F. WELTY, M. D.

July 10, 1908.

THE CHARLES R. BISHOP ANNEX.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The following letter from an appreciative citizen to the friend of the Society for whom its Annex was named, and the reply by Mr. Bishop, express fittingly the impression made by this forward movement of the Society.]

3234 PACIFIC AVE., PRESIDIO GATE.

My dear Sir: I cannot refrain from the inclination to write you of the testimony the boys offer to the interested stranger who visits the Annex at the Aid Society, made possible by your generosity.

What has been accomplished there, seems to me, one of the essentially noble works in the service of humanity and for all the future, since boys so directed and so controlled cannot fail to be better citizens, better fathers of children, and against all the pressure of hereditary tendencies (to lawlessness and evil) something of what these boys have learned in order and restraint will still survive in their children's children's children.

I think, sir, as your years increase, you must feel the helplessness of our efforts in the face of the evil of to-day, but surely what you have done cannot be counted as the work of to-day. You have made possible to a few boys

the opportunity for self-respect and good citizenship. It may seem to count little against the numbers of the company who are lost to these virtues; but the boys of to-day are the fathers of the future, and we must not diminish their possible effort upon the long future. And that though your name be forgotten, the high intention, the good work, survives.

I cannot think of a better work than that which is being so wisely conducted in the Charles Bishop Annex for Working Boys.

Believe me to be, my dear sir,

Very respectfully yours,

BBUCE PORTER.

CHARLES BISHOP, ESQ., San Francisco.

EL GRANADA APARTMENTS,

BERKELEY, June 8, 1908.

Dear Mr. Porter:

I thank you for your kind letter in *re* the Boys and Girls Aid Society, for I am happy to know that you are interested in and appreciate the work that is being done by and through that good institution. I am thankful that I have been able and willing to do something toward its maintenance and perpetuation and wish that I could do much more, for it has given me great satisfaction.

Convenient and comfortable buildings and furnishing are, of course, necessary, for such an institution as the Aid Society, but its real success and value comes from

the direction and every-day management by those in charge, and in that regard the Society has been remarkably fortunate.

I am honored and pleased by the action of the directors in attaching my name to the Annex.

I am, with sincere respect,

Very truly yours,

CHAS. R. BISHOP.

MR. BRUCE PORTER, San Francisco.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

For the year ending June 30, 1908.

 Balance on hand July 1, 1907.....\$13,816 49

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions and donations.....\$ 1,750 00

Mary A. Crocker Trust..... 1,500 00

Legacies:

Estate of J. R. Spring.....\$10,000 00

Estate of Chas. F. Doe..... 221 59

Estate of Bartlett Doe..... 650 00

Estate of Amasa B. Willey.. 158 59

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Counties under section 1388 and under chap-

ter 43 of Statutes of California..... 10,640 27

State aid..... 1,546 94

Board of boys..... 4,230 37

Interest and dividends..... 1,502 47

Discounts on purchases..... 90 47

Transportation refunded..... 133 95

Boys' earnings 4,124 02

All other sources 222 31

 36,770 98

Sale of property in San Mateo (the gift of

Chas. R. Bishop)\$ 7,000 00

Rents of property in San Mateo (the gift of

Chas. R. Bishop) 200 00

 7,200 00

Children's savings bank, unclaimed deposits..... 339 16

 \$58,126 63

DISBURSEMENTS.

Food	\$10,447	87
Fuel	960	25
Gas and electric light.....	560	10
Water	284	40
Pay rolls	6,719	10
Transportation and traveling expenses.....	602	06
Visiting Agent's expenses.....	499	92
Stationery and printing.....	209	16
Repairs and improvements.....	609	79
Clothing	1,680	38
Expense of school education and industrial training	2,498	47
Furniture, crockery, and repairs, etc.....	1,194	07
Drugs and medical aid.....	990	60
"Child and State".....	127	00
Camp expenses	296	17
Insurance (\$15,000 for 3 years).....	540	00
Taxes	598	06
Boys' earnings.....	2,275	83
Christmas expenses.....	96	77
All other expenses.....	1,032	37
	<hr/> \$32,222 37	
Charles R. Bishop Annex—		
Cost of new building	\$14,517	04
Furniture for new building.....	2,205	65
	<hr/> 16,722 69	
Doe Estate Company Stock—913 shares received as part payment of legacies.....	913	26
Balance cash on hand July 7, 1908.....	8,268	31
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E. & O. E.		\$58,126 63
San Francisco, July 7, 1908.		

DUDLEY C. BATES, *Treasurer.*

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 1907, TO
JUNE 30, 1908.

September, 1907	95.8
October, 1907	100.8
November, 1907	105.8
December, 1907	113.3
January, 1908	114.6
February, 1908	115.6
March, 1908	108.8
April, 1908	109.5
May, 1908	105.6
June, 1908, (4 days).....	97.75
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Total	1,067.35
Average	106.73

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1908.

Number in the Home July 1, 1907.....	143
Admitted during the year—	
From court, informally	11
By legal commitment	86
Brought by relatives or friends.....	40
Recalled or returned from homes provided by the Society	11
Recalled from probation.....	23
From other institutions.....	5
Came voluntarily	2
Runaways returned	2
Total admissions for the year.....	180
Total number cared for.....	323
Dismissed during the year—	
To approved family homes.....	31
To relatives absolutely.....	66
To relatives on probation to the Superintendent....	20
To relatives on probation to the probation officer..	8
To employment and special oversight.....	1
To other institutions.....	9
Returned to court.....	7
Ran away	3
Transferred to Annex.....	35
Entered U. S. Army.....	2
Sent to hospital.....	1
Died	1 184
Remaining in Home June 30, 1908.....	139

MAINTENANCE AND PER CAPITA COST FROM JULY 1, 1907, TO
JUNE 30, 1908.

Number of days' maintenance furnished to inmates.....	50,318
Number of days' maintenance furnished to officers.....	6,222
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Total days' maintenance.....	56,540
 Average number of inmates.....	 136.56
Average number of officers.....	17.
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Total average of persons maintained.....	153.56
 Current expenses for maintenance only.....	 \$29,946.54
Per capita cost for twelve months.....	219.29
Per capita cost per month.....	18.27
Cost of each day's maintenance on basis of inmates only	.65
Cost of each day's maintenance on basis of total persons	.53

DONATIONS.

For the year ending June 30, 1908.

1907.

Aug. 14—Mrs. M. E. Borland, Esmeralda, Haywards... 1 box plums

Nov. 26—Sperry Flour Co.....2 sacks flour, 1 case Germea

Nov. 27—Johnson Bros.....5 gals. cranberries

Nov. 30—Robt. H. Turney.....1 box Christmas berries

1908.

Feb. 3—Needlework Guild of America, San Francisco Branch

Lot of clothing

Feb. 7—W. D. Scott.....Magazines

Feb. 8—Mrs. Joe Simons, 843 Devisadero St.....Magazines

Feb. 11—E. W. Grannis, 511½ Broderick St.....Clothing

Feb. 29—Mrs. C. W. Fogg, Oroville.....	1 bag oranges
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Apr. 22—Mr. J. B. Stetson.....Lot of magazines

May 13—Mrs. Wilson McDougall, Stockton.....

12 mechanical magazines

May 29—Mrs. Rudolph Samson, 2518 Jackson St.....

Books and magazines

June 9—2360 Vallejo St.....Books

June 27—Mrs. Cooper, 1128 Stanyan St.....Shoes

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the year ending June 30, 1908.

Anspacher Bros.	\$ 1 00	Grant, J. D.	25 00*
Boas, Judah.....	25 00	Hartford Fire Ins. Co..	10 00
Bonestell, Richardson & Co.	12 00	Hopkins, Mrs. Emily B.	60 00
Brown Bros. & Co....	5 00	Hooker, Mrs. May Os- good	25 00
Borel, Ant. & Co.....	20 00	Hooper, C. A. & Co...	25 00
Balfour, Guthrie & Co.	25 00	Ikelheimer Bros.	5 00
Barker, T. L.....	25 00	Lewis, H. W.	5 00
Bixler, Mrs. Augusta..	5 00	London, Paris & Amer- ican Bank	10 00
Barlow, Mrs. Laura E.	50 00	Liverpool, London & Globe Ins. Co.....	10 00
Bates, D. C.....	5 00	Murdock, C. A.	5 00
Chamberlain, Jos. P....	250 00	Markwitz, Dr. L.....	10 00
Cahn, Nickelsburg & Co.	5 00	Montague, W. W. & Co..	10 00
Crown Distilleries.....	3 00	McNicoll, A. J.....	5 00
Coleman, Edward	10 00	Moore, Chas. C.....	5 00
Commercial Union As. Co.	15 00	McCreery, A. B.....	100 00
Cutting Packing Co....	5 00	Neustadter Bros.	10 00
Day, Thos. & Co.....	3 00	Newman & Levison....	3 00
Davis, Horace	12 00	Pacific Hardware & Steel Co.	25 00
Esberg, Marie Louise..	10 00	Pelton Water Wheel Co.	10 00
Emporium, The	25 00	Perkins, Geo. C.....	500 00
Flood, Jas. L.....	250 00	Pope & Talbot.....	25 00
Gladding, McBean & Co.	10 00	Raphael, Nat.	10 00
Goldberg, Bowen & Co..	5 00		
Gray's Harbor Com. Co.	10 00		

Roos Bros.	10 00	Southern Pacific Mill-	
Sherman, L. S.	5 00	ing Co.	6 00
Spool Cotton Co.	5 00	Taylor, Samuel H.....	10 00
Smith, A. A.....	5 00	Turner, Geo. C.....	5 00
Sperry Flour Co.....	10 00	Upham, Isaac	5 00
Smith, Sidney V.....	5 00		
Sloss, Hon. Max.....	5 00		
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			\$1,750 00

TO APPLICANTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

[Blank forms of Applications will be supplied as desired.]

In seeking a child from the Aid Society, the following questions are asked of applicants:—

1st. There are four ways of placing our children—which one would you prefer: (a) Until sixteen years of age, with board, clothes, and regular schooling; (b) until eighteen, with above conditions plus \$100, payable in four equal installments—school attendance may cease at sixteen; (c) by adoption, all legal expenses to be borne by applicant; (d) on ordinary service at regular wages. 2d. State age of boy or girl. 3d. What work do you wish him or her to do? 4th. Please state how many children of your own are living at home; also their sex and age. 5th. Are you in a thickly or sparsely populated section? 6th. How far is your home from the center of the town? 7th. How far from the public school? 8th. Will it be convenient for you to send a child to church or Sunday-school every Sunday or once a month? 9th. Do you want the boy or girl to eat with the family, or with servants or employees? 10th. Have you any preference as to creed? 11th. Please state your business. 12th. Are you yourself much at home? 13th. Give names of two or three responsible citizens in your vicinity who will vouch for you. 14th. Would you prefer an easy-going, though somewhat dull child, or one who is intelligent, full of animal life, and *more difficult to control*? 15th. Are you willing to exercise a great degree of patience and undergo some annoyance, especially at the first, and give some personal attention to the training of the boy or girl?

Will you kindly answer all these questions as frankly and as fully as you can, so that we may form a fair idea of you and of the sort of child we should select for you? Please inclose with your answer money to pay the fare. We will send, upon receipt of your reply to these questions, the best we can, if we have one at all suitable in our Home; if not, we will send one as soon thereafter as possible.

NOTE.—We never send our wards to places where intoxicating liquors are sold.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

"I bequeath dollars to the BOYS AND GIRLS AID SOCIETY, a corporation located at the City and County of San Francisco."

NOTE.—No charitable bequest is valid in California unless made at least thirty days before the testator's death.

